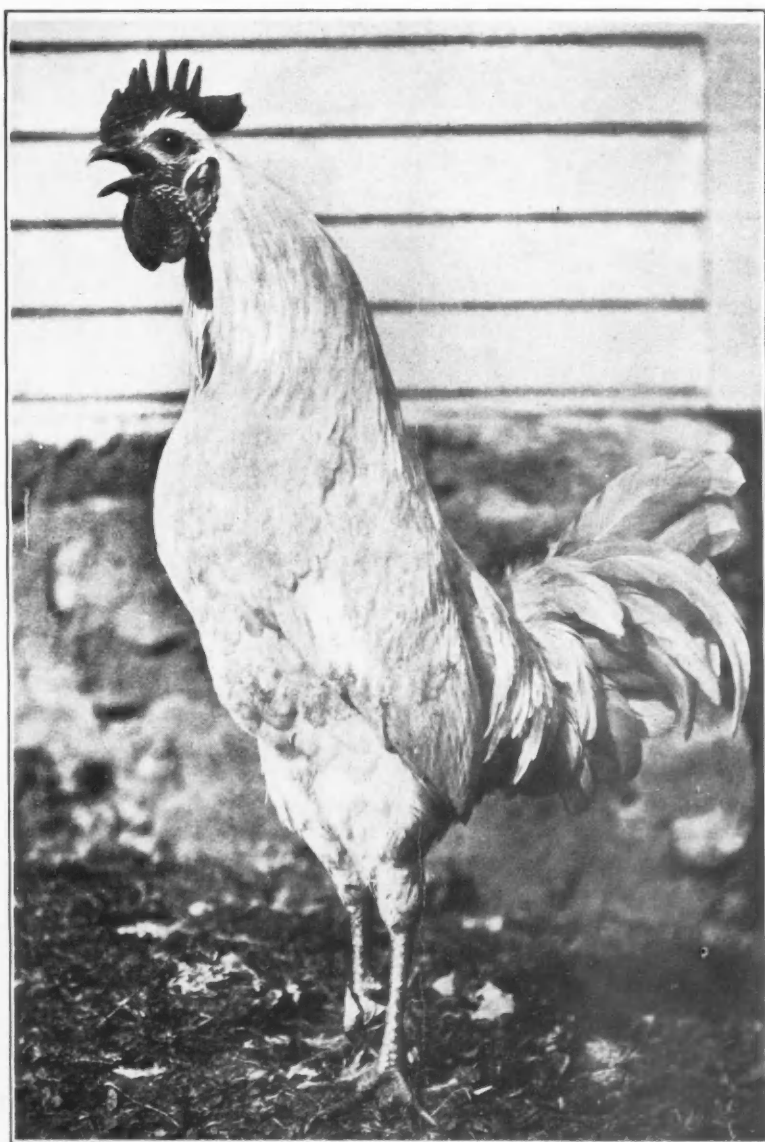


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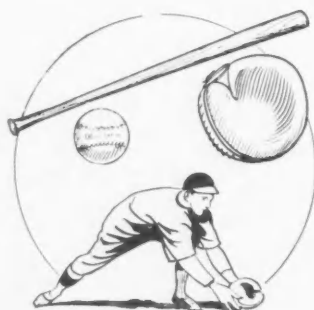
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Eastman Stage Has An Anniversary

G. E. Peabody, '18

FARM and Home Week guests who attended the Eastman Stage this year were provided with an attractive souvenir program, bound in heavy silvered paper, announcing the Silver Anniversary of the Eastman Stage. This was the twenty-fifth annual contest since the first was held on February 11, 1910.

Regarding the beginning of the Eastman Stage we find the following in the foreword of Volume I prepared by the then Dean, A. R. Mann, "It was in the year 1910 that Almon R. Eastman of Waterville, New York, provided funds which made the inauguration of this enterprise possible. Mr. Eastman for a time served as a trustee of Cornell University and was especially interested in its College of Agriculture. He was a banker but an interest which he developed in the early days of the farmer's institutes movement ripened with the passing year, and he sought to do something which would help develop leadership in agricultural affairs. He consulted the then Director of the College, L. H. Bailey, as to how a modest sum of money might be used toward this end. The Eastman Stage for Public Speaking open to undergraduates in the College of Agriculture was the result.

"From 1910-1918 Mr. Eastman gave annually \$100 which was divided \$75 and \$25 respectively. In 1928 the donor permanently endowed the stage with a gift of \$3,000 in Liberty Bonds making possible annual prizes of \$100 and \$25 respectively."

Mr. Eastman, in spite of his very real interest in the contest which bears his name was never able to attend. The condition of his health required that he spend his winters in a warm climate. However, he did meet with a group of contestants on two occasions, the second time being in the fall of 1922 about a year before his death. According to Mrs. Eastman, the founding of this contest gave him more pleasure and satisfaction than any other one thing he had ever done.

ON ONE of his brief visits to Professor Everett he told the story of how he first became interested in the need for speech training for farm-

ers. We will let Bob Crane, '35, tell the story as he did in his Eastman speech: "A few years ago the farmers around Utica were, to all appearances, successful and prosperous farmers. They were growing hops, that crop with the dual personality. The hops yielded well and brought a good price thus making the farmers happy. Then they were put to their intended use and they made still others happy. But along came old man disease to take the joy out of life; so they called a meeting at Utica. There farmers and business men met to talk the situation over. But who did the talking? Not the farmers. Not that they lacked ideas! What they did lack was the confidence and experience to express those ideas. Mr. Eastman was present and what he saw made him realize that farmers must be trained to speak for themselves."

The speeches delivered in this prize speaking contest represent an excellent picture of contemporary student thought on rural life problems during any period since the stage was begun. In view of this fact the speeches were gathered together in the spring of 1929, at the completion of the twentieth contest and were bound into four volumes. This year a fifth volume will be added.

A total of one hundred forty-four

persons have competed in the preceding twenty-four contests. However as many of these competed in more than one stage the total number of different people to take part is one hundred fourteen. Of this number, but four have died.

THE remaining one hundred ten are distributed pretty much all over the civilized world. Definite information is known, chiefly through personal correspondence, of one hundred of them. Thirteen of this group are engaged in farming as a major enterprise. Four of the women have married men who are engaged in farming as a major or part time enterprise. Thirty-five are busy at business or professional careers directly connected with agriculture. Twenty-six are associated with agricultural education in many ways; teaching, research, extension and in executive capacities. The present Dean and Director of the College of Agriculture was a competitor on the second stage. Five are still pursuing their studies in College leaving but seventeen who have sought opportunity for success in fields other than agriculture.

Professor George Abram Everett has been identified with this contest throughout most of its history. Much of the success of this enterprise is due to his efforts.



EASTMAN STAGE COMPETITORS FOR 1934

Left to Right: L. R. Crane '35, E. Ruthberg '37, Miss V. A. Henry (1st) '35, Avery Gentle (2nd) sp. ag., W. H. Sherman sp. ag., J. A. Mack '34.

New York's Egg Laying Tests

By R. C. Ogle

THE State College is ever trying to widen its scope of service to the farmers of New York State. The more practical those services become, the more the farmer feels that he is getting from his tax dollar.

The poultry department of the College of Agriculture is constantly attempting to increase the number of these practical services which are offered to poultrymen of the state. Two new projects, those of the Official Egg Laying Tests, are aiding in this work in a very efficient and capable manner. The Central New York State Official Egg Laying Test is located at Horseheads in Chemung County and the Western New York State Official Egg Laying Test at Stafford, Genesee County. The establishment of these Tests came as a result of a direct request by the poultrymen of the State to further advance our program in their interests by making possible the opportunity for providing records of egg production under official state supervision.

The poultry department had for several years recommended the establishment of six trap-nesting stations in different sections of the State to give the closest contact with and provide the most efficient service to the poultrymen. This proposed plan culminated in the appropriation by the State of twenty-five thousand dollars for the construction and equipment of each of two testing stations,—an appropriation which was passed early in 1930.

Of all the services that are provided to farmers by the college, the Egg Laying Test offers a particularly distinctive opportunity in that it can be equally participated in by every interested poultry keeper. The back-yard poultryman, the farmer, the commercial egg farmer, the specialized breeder, and the large hatcheryman, will each be benefited by the results secured at these stations. For many years livestock breeders have found the identification of individuals and pedigreed breeding to be essential to the efficient and rapid development of better strains, families, and races of animals. Poultry breeders have attempted to follow the example of the breeders of larger animals, but for one reason or another have found that privately owned and controlled enterprise for the recording of trap-nest records has not worked out satisfactorily. During recent years the public has placed great confidence in the various Egg Laying Contests because

they provide these means of selecting those individuals which are of better type under the official sanction of a disinterested group of investigators.

THESE Laying Tests possess distinct advantages to the poultry breeders of the state. In the first place, they result in returning each year to the owner for breeding a group of birds having known records of performance as to health, number and quality of eggs laid, and cost of production. Then, too, they enable the breeder to compare the individual records of each of his birds entered in the competition with those of many other breeders in this and other states. They also serve as a means of valuable publicity, for those whose birds make credible records. In addition to these aids to those who enter the contest, the work of the stations offer the opportunity for all to witness and compare the efficiency of many of the different breeds of poultry and to see active demonstrations of the most improved methods of poultry management.

The Tests are carried on under the supervision of the American Record of Performance Council which is sponsored by the Poultry Science Association. The Council provides for standardizing the projects and recognizing the individual bird records by issuing and registering a certificate for each one, commonly known as an R. O. P. Certificate.

Operating under the Council plan, credit for egg production is recognized by evaluating the size of the egg produced as well as the total number of eggs. Eggs which will weigh twenty-four ounces per dozen are given a rating of par, or one hundred (1.00), and every dozen which goes an ounce or more under or over that par is reduced or added to, as the case may be, by five points (.05). Under this plan full credit is provided for the better birds regardless of their total annual production.

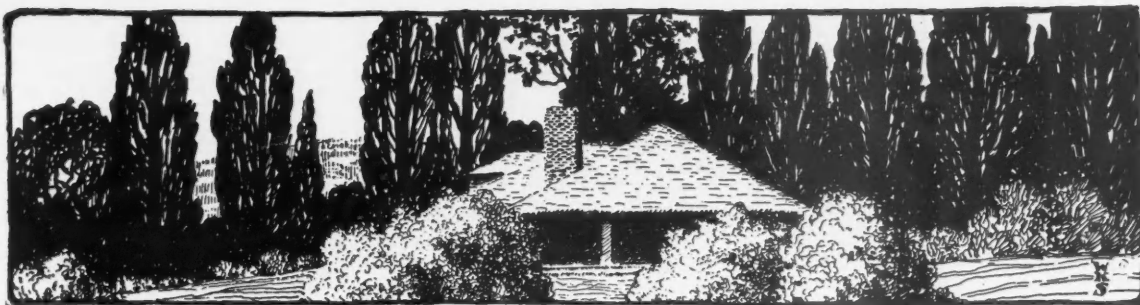
An indication of the amount of work which this attention to detail will involve is noted in the fact that each egg produced during the year is weighed and recorded by the point score of the weight of the individual egg. Thus in the year which closed on September 22nd more than two hundred forty-eight thousand individual weighings were made and similarly recorded on several different forms at these projects.

In the second year of its existence, the one hundred twenty entries in the New York Tests were comprised of eighty-nine Single Comb White Leghorns, one Single Comb Buff Leghorn, three White Plymouth Rocks, eleven Barred Plymouth Rocks, and fifteen Single Comb Rhode Island Reds. Most Egg Laying Contests receive entries from poultry breeders at home and abroad, and the two located in New York State are no exception. Seventy-five percent of the entries were from New York State and the rest represented entries from eleven widely scattered states and one from England.

DURING the past year with more than thirty Laying Tests operating in this country our Western Test held second place and our Central Test ninth place on the basis of annual results. The average production of all the birds in the New York State Laying Tests was 208 eggs each. When we stop to realize that the average egg production per hen for the United States is 90 and that for commercial flocks in the state is 130, then we can understand why it is that these tests are producing such services to the poultrymen by supplying proven individuals. The highest record was made at the Western Test by a pen of New York State Leghorns averaging 285 eggs each, and having a total score of 2917 points, or an average of 291 points for each bird.

The highest individual record was scored by a Rhode Island Red from New Hampshire when she laid 317 eggs, scoring 342 points, the highest record for the breed in all Contests in the country. The Ancona pen at the Central Test made the best score in the country for this breed both as regards the pen record of 2,288 eggs and the individual bird record of 246 eggs. A Barred Plymouth Rock pen from California at the Central Test had the best pen average in the country for this breed with 259.3 eggs per bird, as well as high individual record of 315 eggs.

The interest and value of the service provided by these projects is indicated by an increasing number of applications for entries, already in excess of our limited facilities. The projects are integral and essential parts of the state breed improvement plan. They supplement the projects which the State College has sponsored for many years, and serve to increase the worth and usefulness of the college to the farmers of the state.



Through Our Wide Windows

Women in Agriculture

AT frequent intervals the well-trained eyebrows of various individuals are raised in surprise as their owners learn that women do register in and graduate from the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University. Undergraduates in other colleges of the university have been known to show astonishment at learning this, even after two or three years of college life. 'Tis true 'tis pity; 'tis pity 'tis true.

The courses followed by these women are varied and colorful. Professor Bristow Adams smiles at many of them from behind the class room desk where he instructs his classes in journalism. Special feature articles, publicity, news writing, and the problems of the country weekly are all treated in these extension teaching courses under his direction. Students have gone out from his training into all of the broad phases of the journalistic world.

The department of agricultural economics and farm management trains some of them in statistics and allied subjects. In Professor Pearson's department the stimulation of contact with men now nationally famous is a vital spark.

The teaching profession, of course, inspires many to major in biology, botany or whatever science suits the fancy. The courses in rural education supplement the acquisition of this specialized knowledge.

On the far edge of the campus the bacteriological laboratories lure those whose natural bent is toward the science of bacteriology. In some instances girls who have included other related courses have been accepted in medical schools after graduation.

The Department of Rural Social Organization directs the activities of those who are to become social workers, although probably more women intending to enter this service are in the College of Home Economics.

The Floriculture course has been successfully completed by women for several years now. They work in the greenhouses side by side with the men, and, it is said, "they can hold their own."

Last, and therefore with great emphasis, we mention the girls who are training for the raising of livestock; the breeding of horses in particular. They have entered with a definite end in view. There are at least four in the college at present who expect to raise horses as a vocation. Excellent work they are doing, too, as evidenced by the recent livestock judging show in which a Junior woman took the honors as horse showwoman.

Yes, women are in the College of Agriculture. They make the COUNTRYMAN board, they win the Eastman Stage, they act as chairmen of Farm and Home Week Committees, they participate in club activities. They are here, there and everywhere. The time is past when men must work and women must weep.

On With the New

HERBERT Spencer once said that society goes right by virtue of first trying all possible means of doing wrong. Society has a very legitimate excuse for such an accusation, however. Our culture is so vast and complex that every innovation which causes improvement must come as the result of a great amount of trial and error experimentation. Were we able to predict the end result of any given change in society, we could settle disarmament, divorce, and depression problems before May Day.

Our campus boasts such attempts at experimentation very frequently. We can all probably call to mind many examples of such trial and error attempts, some of which have ended without any progress and others which have been considered classic innovations.

We are impressed just at present with the recent experimental step taken by the Committee on General Administration of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University. We refer to the recent ruling to have the university library open on Sundays. It must admittedly be an experiment—a trial action to learn how the student body will react. We can in no sense make any prediction of what the undergraduate reaction will be although some of them have made loud and clamorous demands for it for several years now.

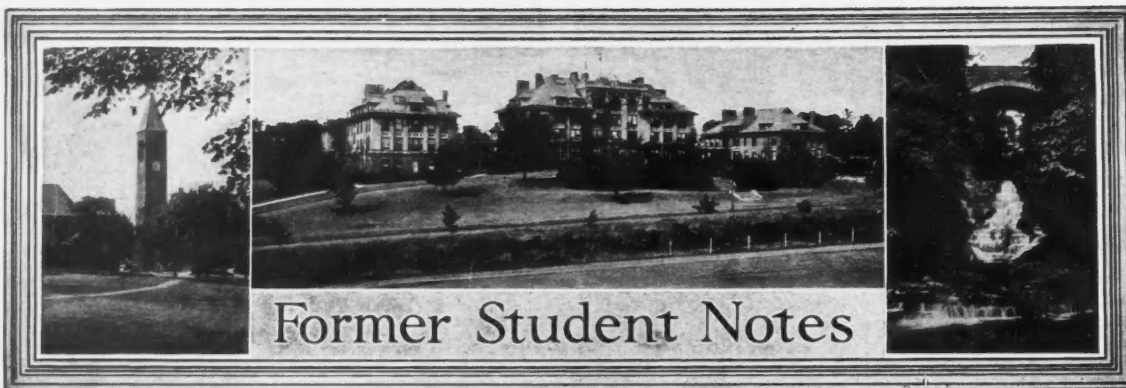
We feel in our own minds that the Committee has made an important and useful step in their ruling and they should be commended for it. We, as students, can best show our appreciation for their efforts by making consistent use of the opportunity they have thus afforded.

Hail and Farewell

THE COUNTRYMAN takes great pleasure this month in announcing that several new members have been added to the board. The editorial staff has elected Miss Audrey Harkness '36 of Moravia, Miss Claire Kelly '37 of Utica, Miss Catherine Stinken '36 of Brooklyn, Miss Anna Weir '34 of Fairport, C. M. Beal '35 of Jamestown, J. W. Spaven '36 of Oriskany, and I. C. Warren '37 of Milton. Miss M. B. Potter '36 of Truxton, W. J. Wheeler '36 of Hammondsport, C. E. Widger '36 of New Haven and A. E. Bailey '36 of Ballston Spa were made members of the business board.

Much as we dislike to do it, we, the staff of the COUNTRYMAN, are forced to bid adieu to two of the members of the staff, our very capable helper and former business manager, L. B. "Larry" Clark, and our very recent editor-in-chief, J. P. "Sheriff" Hertel. Both of the boys finished their undergraduate work with the coming of mid-term. We're sorry to see them go but wish them all kinds of luck in their future endeavors.

THE CORNELL COUNTRYMAN wishes to do four things: publish interesting alumni notes, furnish campus news, present the latest agricultural information and stimulate boys and girls to seek the aid of their State Colleges in order that they may lead fuller and finer lives.



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Ray Bender is still doing his part in extending the work of the college by working as county agent of Orange County, New York, with headquarters at Middletown.

M. L. Dake, former star player of the Cornell basketball team, is now directing others while they throw around hundred-pound sacks of feed in the G. L. F. store at Smithtown Branch, New York.

R. K. "Bob" Mitchell is supplementing his farm income by selling insurance in the vicinity of his home in Southbury, Connecticut. "Bob" is married and has one daughter, Linda May, fifteen months old.

J. E. "Jim" Frazer is now teaching science at Rye High School, with his home located at 22 Sanford St. in that place. "Jim" got his M. A. degree from Columbia this last spring. His family totals one now, if you didn't know it before. Jimmie, Jr. is two years old.

Chilion W. "Happy" Sadd is still running the G. L. F. at Earlville. He lives on a farm, but is too busy to operate it.

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J. G. "Johnny" Weir has been working on the technical staff of a CCC camp in Northfield, Vermont. We would think that Johnny had had enough of cold weather but he seems to take pride in the fact that he is now located up in a country where the temperature hovers around thirty below occasionally, and there is a great deal of snow and plenty of fresh air. After April 1st, Johnny will re-assume his duties as Extension Forester with headquarters at 481 Main St., Burlington, Vermont.

L. O. "Larry" Taylor is teaching agriculture at the New York State School of Agriculture at Delhi, New York.

T. E. "Tom" LaMont has been working since last October on land classification. He is living at the Gamma Alpha House at Ithaca.

E. H. "Ev" Clark is located at 30 N. Maple St., Warsaw, New York.

He is working as county Farm Bureau agent in Wyoming County.

Leo R. Blanding missed Farm and Home Week this year for the first time since he came to Cornell ten years ago. He is so busy with the work at the Federal Land Bank at Springfield, Massachusetts, that he could not get away to join us.

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Helen Sue Bruckner of 162 Villard Ave., Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, is research bacteriologist on the surgical service of the Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York City. They are trying to find and perfect a really satisfactory skin preparation antiseptic for use on patients before operating. She is engaged to Philip Eagans, Jr., of Douglas Manor, Long Island.

A. H. (Bill) Blencoe, in absence of something better to do is still holding forth on the home farm at Cooperstown, New York, milking cows and picking up eggs.

G. P. (Jerry) Rhodes was married to Miriam Wade, '29 at Sage Chapel on Christmas Eve. They drove to Pasadena for the Rose Festival and Games, spent a few days in California and came back by way of the Grand Canyon, New Orleans, Florida and Dixie. Miriam is completing the year teaching Science in North Creek High. Jerry must have taken "Bill" Myers course in Farm Management for he is certainly going into specialization in a big way. He is raising 70 acres of grain, 1,000 laying Leghorns, 20,000 broiler ducks, and 40 acres of cash crops.

S. Reuben Shapley is manager of the Geneva County Farm Bureau. He is living at 2 Vine Street.

A daughter, Sandra Jean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James D. Pond of Ithaca, on February 12.

Mrs. Pond is the former Nellie M. Wilson who graduated from Home Economics and was a member of Delta Zeta. She was home economics teacher in Wayland for two years, then assistant Home Demonstration Agent in Cattaraugus County for nine months, transferring in May, 1931 to Rockland County as club agent until she was married in May, 1932.

Mr. Pond (Froggy) has been in forestry work in Canada for two years and in Albany for a year, then was club agent in Washington County until January 1, 1933. He returned for graduate work in February and was appointed instructor in Forestry last September.

While in college, Froggy was a member of the track and cross country teams and captain of the latter. He was a member of the Phi Delta Sigma, Quill and Dagger, Alaph Samach, Heb-Sa and forestry editor of the COUNTRYMAN his senior year. They are living at 413 North Geneva Street, Ithaca, New York.

Eva A. Hunt of Catskill, went into the commercial advertising field but gave it up for her hobby of farming. She is making a go of it on the family homestead.

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Wayne F. Foster is still farming with his father, raising purebred Ayrshires, and reports no vital statistics. This is at Cherry Creek, New York.

Russell E. Dudley is just like that with his father, too. So far he has not set Lyons, New York, or the rest of the world on fire, according to his own admission.

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Teaching biology and coaching swimming and tennis at the Albany Academy makes life exciting for William C. Ritter, who lives at Western Avenue Turnpike, Albany, New York.

"Al" Van Wagenen is instructing in poultry marketing at Cornell University. In between times he chaperones dances and toboggan parties.

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Olive Worden, in case any one wonders, is the one and only dietitian in Risley Dormitory.

Mary Evans has changed from Tioga to Broome county February first. Her new post combines Home Bureau and 4-H work.

George Stafford Gifford has given up teaching agriculture for farming at Holcomb, New York. He is "getting ready for profits in 1934."

COUNTRYMAN MEMBER WINS EASTMAN STAGE

Miss Viola Henry '35 won first place in the 25th annual competition of the Eastman Stage held in Bailey Hall on February 15. Her topic was "After Convalescence—What?" She stated that farmers will help individuals who are in need, but when co-operation is necessary for the good of all farmers they will not work together. Co-operative marketing is the only thing that will save the farmer from exploitation by middleman and railroad according to Miss Henry.

She is a member of the business board of the Cornell Countryman and is also winner of the national milking contest held last summer at the World's Fair.

A. Gentle, special student, won second prize with his speech on "Redistribution of Wealth." He showed that the rich are getting richer and the poor are becoming poorer.

Dean Carl E. Ladd of the College of Agriculture introduced the speakers. The other speakers were J. A. Mack '34 on "Local Government," W. H. Sherman sp. on "Our New Land Policy," E. Rutberg '37 on "The Farmers Way Out" and L. R. Crane '35 on "The Future Farmers of America."

Miss Henry will be awarded one hundred dollars and Mr. Gentle twenty-five dollars. He will also receive the same amount for winning second place in the Farm Life Challenge debate.

FARM LIFE DEBATE WON BY J. A. MACK

J. A. Mack '34 won the Farm Life Challenge debate held in the agricultural economics auditorium on the evening of February 12. A. Gentle, special student, took second place. Both speakers upheld the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved, that for the best interests of American agriculture the dollar should be established at a fixed value in terms of all commodities rather than a fixed weight in gold." Mack stated that prosperity follows large discoveries of gold, but that the supply of gold is no longer sufficient.

The first prize consists of one hundred dollars and the second prize twenty-five dollars.

The negative position was upheld by T. A. Pasto '34 and W. H. Sherman, special student.

COUNTRYMAN SPONSORS SPRING COMPETITION

The CORNELL COUNTRYMAN Competition for the second term opened at the COUNTRYMAN office in Fernow Hall at 7:45 Wednesday evening, February 21. Of the nine comps present, six are trying for the editorial staff, and three for the business staff. The editorial comps are: Misses E. C. Spangler '36, H. M. Trautlein '36, and H. P. Cothran '37 HE; J. E. Dalrymple '37, H. R. Kling '36, and E. J. Cole '36. The business comps are: Miss Elizabeth Eldridge '37 HE, W. S. Bennett '35, and W. H. Sherman Sp.

CAMPUS CHATS

All of us tardy folks, that is we who were less than a half an hour early at Bailey Hall when Mrs. Roosevelt or Governor Lehman spoke, were left out in the cold. W. F. Kosar '35 solved the problem of getting a seat. He awaited the arrival of the governor and his distinguished companions. Then he joined them and strode majestically down the aisle to a seat reserved for the chosen few. Being an imposing sort of a man, Mr. Kosar kept his seat.

Ethel Potteiger '35 failed to see Mrs. Roosevelt, although she probably looked straight at her. It struck Miss Potteiger as rather unusual, however, to see so many girl scouts marching to Bailey Hall.

Professor George F. Warren had to wear a broadcasting device in his lapel when he spoke at Bailey Hall. "They tie me up" he remarked, "to keep me from wandering away from my subject."

As for the Blue Eagle—it all depends upon how you look at it. The eagle is now being trained for falconry or eagley or whatever you call it. Mr. Paul Kellogg says we should pad our arm rather heavily before we let the bird perch on it. We wonder how he got all those scratches on his forearm.

While we are speaking of birds we should mention that a number of grebes were forced to vacate Cayuga when the lake froze. Many of the birds were picked up from the ground in a helpless condition. The feet of the birds are so far back on the body that they are useful only to propel the bird through the water. They cannot take wing except from a body of water. In the water, however, the birds can swim like—like hell-divers—indeed that is what they are called.

"Believe it or"—Harold Sweet '35 was one of the candy salesmen of the 4-H Club during Farmers' Week. "We made plenty of profit," said Mr. Sweet. "And we had to eat all the broken pieces. We were particular to sell only the best."

Registration of Farm and Home Week visitors reached the total of 7,126, 1,626 more than last year. Special honors go to Janet Coolidge '37 and her partner who registered the staggering sum of two people on Saturday morning.

Our room-mate is taking Professor Reed's course (in the Art's College) of money and banking. On the first day Professor Reed introduced himself as Professor Pearson (whose theories are very different) of the upper campus. One student turned around and whispered "Doesn't Reed teach this course any longer?"

We ventured into the vastness of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall and found that men were decidedly few in those parts. The Home Week exhibits there were very interesting. And we believe that had the men seen some of the guides there would have been a masculine invasion of the building.

RECENT STOCK SHOW SCORES NEW RECORD

Cornell's little international livestock exhibition, which was conceived twenty-two years ago, held its record-breaking show this year in the Judging Pavilion on Thursday afternoon of Farm and Home Week, February 15. This show has been characterized by the slogan, "the survival of the fittest"; this is particularly apt, since there were one hundred fifteen animals entered in forty classes, making for the keenest kind of competition. The awards in this contest are made on the basis of fitting and showmanship entirely and not on the quality of the individual shown. Mr. Harry Strohmeier judged the dairy cattle and Professor H. L. Garrigus judged the other types of livestock.

The show was preceded by a parade of the animals which were to be subsequently shown in the various class competitions. The finest representatives of Cornell's dairy and beef herds of cattle and many of her fine horses were led around the arena of the crowded pavilion. As the most outstanding animals passed the announcer's stand, Mr. Allen Wilson '34 told the spectators about the pedigree and performance of these individuals.

Mr. George Allen '34 has for the last two years been the General Superintendent of the show. This year he was assisted by John Sumner '35, Virginia Yoder '35, John Dunn '35, Richard Hammond '35, Gordon Butler '34, and Alfred Ingalls '36, as superintendents of the various departments.

The prizes were presented the evening following the show at a meeting of the Round-up Club which sponsors these activities. President Ronald Wilson '34 presided.

The club wishes to express their appreciation, through the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN, for all those who aided in the planning of this exhibition both by offering prizes and support in other ways, thus increasing the interest of the students in this contest making for greater participation in this event.

STUDENT COMMITTEES DANCE AT AGR HOUSE

With another farm and home week successfully ended the student committees forgot their worries and hid themselves to the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity on the evening of February 17. It was a great dance—members of the upper campus and an engineer attested to that.

The students who handled the farm and home week crowds were captained by general chairman W. N. Kaskella '34. Assistant general chairmen were J. H. Sumner sp. and M. N. Knapp '35. Chairmen of the various committees were as follows: attendance, C. DuBois '35; checking, R. Williams '34; guide and ventilation, J. D. Merchant '35; information, E. R. Keil '34; news, Miss E. S. Foote '34; registration, J. R. Concklin '34; arrangements, L. W. Taylor '34.

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STUDENTS ENTERTAIN PROMINENT GUESTS

The students of the practice house apartments served tea in apartment A on February 15 for Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the editors of various publications throughout the country. The editorial guides acted as hostesses.

The receiving line was made up of Dr. Flora Rose, Miss Mary Henry, Mrs. William Brown Melony, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Mrs. Henry Morgenthau.

INFANT IS PROFESSOR FOR APARTMENT STUDY

Master Tommy became the youngest college professor on record when at twenty days old he started teaching the women of home economics to be good mothers. He weighed five pounds nine and one-fourth ounces and within five days gained one and three-fourth ounces.

He is the "twenty-fourth practice house" baby and the first one to occupy one of the new homemaking apartments in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall. Each of the three apartments accommodates five or six students for a period of five weeks under the direction of an instructor who lives in the apartment. At present two of the apartments are being used and Tommy is the only baby.

Each student has a definite duty for a week, one is cook; another is mother with a third as assistant mother; and the other three are assistant cook, housekeeper, and hostess.

The apartments are exactly alike except one kitchen is equipped with gas and the other with electricity. Aside from the kitchens, no part of the apartments is different from what might be found in an ordinary household of the same size. Each apartment has a large living room which provides for social activities of the girls; a smaller dining room; two bedrooms and small study to accommodate the six students; a bedroom and a bathroom for the baby; and quarters for the instructor in charge. There is also plenty of closet space, for linen, cleaning equipment, and kitchen supplies.

DOMECON DITHERINGS

Dither situation is a bad one.

So the little girl guides won their gold stars and lived happily ever after.

And then there was the freshman in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall who rushed up to the senior guide and panted, "Is this the new building?"

1st Dope: You know the new dance with foreheads together?

2nd Dope: But there are only two people!

M. S. DEGREES GIVEN TO H. E. GRADUATES

Ila E. MacLeod, '32 and Elizabeth Hopper, '31 have recently received their M. S. degrees.

COLLEGE NAMES HALL FOR FIRST DIRECTOR

"Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, a building dedicated to the care, protection, and enriching of life, is perhaps a sign of healing forces within society which will combat the social and economic ills now threatening that life," said Flora Rose, director of the college of home economics, in the first unit of the dedication exercises for the new home economics building.

The dedication exercises were part of the twenty-seventh annual Farm and Home Week program, and many prominent people participated in them. Among the speakers were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Alfred D. Schoellkopf, Dr. Livingston Farrand, Mrs. William Brown Melony, Miss Marion VanLiew and many other representatives of state and federal home economics organizations.

The building is the most modern and best-equipped home economics building in the country and is named for Martha Van Rensselaer, a pioneer in home economics education, who came to Cornell in 1900 to organize a reading course for farmers' wives. Her first equipment was a few kitchen tables and chairs in the basement of Morrill Hall. Miss Van Rensselaer had a keen understanding of the problems of the farm women and her reading course developed into a short university resident course. The short course became a longer one, and in 1907, Flora Rose, present director of the college, joined Miss Van Rensselaer in establishing a department of home economics in the state college of agriculture.

The original staff consisted of Miss Van Rensselaer and Miss Rose as full-time instructors, and one clerk, and one stenographer, each of whom gave part-time service. At present the college has a staff of ninety-seven and an enrollment of 458 women and 157 men as undergraduate students.

Cornell kept pace with the changing status of the women in home economics and in 1912 the department moved into its own building; in 1910 it was made a professional school in agriculture; and in 1925 the state legislature created the New York state college of home economics at Cornell University. This year marks another advancement in this college with the completion of its new building.

All the departments of the college are housed in the one building which serves as a center for student instruction, research, and extension work throughout the state. Both the students and staff members cooperate in the planning and arranging of the equipment and setting up rules for the building.

STUDENTS REPRESENT CLASS AT LUNCHEON

During Farm and Home Week, the College of Home Economics entertained at a daily luncheon all the distinguished guests and visitors of the day. Each class selected two of its members to attend one of the luncheons. The following women were elected by their classmates to represent them: Class of 1937, Marion Bean, Edith Talbot; Class of 1936, Marjorie Kane, Virginia Phillips; Class of 1935, Norma Nordstrom, Edith Trappe; Class of 1934, June Anderson, Margaret Trauger.

COURSE OPENS FIELD OF BROADER TRAINING

A new course in Special Problems is being offered this term for all students interested in entering the field of home service or commercial demonstration work with foods or equipment manufacturers.

The course does not give intensive training in any one particular type of demonstration, but is a survey of general demonstration methods. From time to time, those who are now doing public home economics work will address the class, and outline their activities in their own special fields. Through this course it is expected that the students will obtain an insight into the problems of equipment selection, commercial demonstration, radio broadcasting, and home service work.

Miss Olga Brucher, assistant professor of home economics, is in charge of instruction.



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